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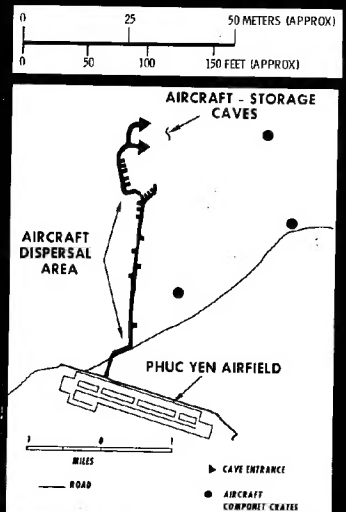
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ACCESS TO PHUC YEN AIRFIELD

← MIG-21 (FISHBED)

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PHUC YEN AIRFIELD, NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE: INDICATIONS OF PROBABLE UNDERGROUND STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD PRIOR TO THE BOMBING HALT.

2. LOCATION: PHUC YEN AIRFIELD IS 12 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH OF HANOI AT 21-13-15N 105-48-32E.

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3. BACKGROUND: PHUC YEN IS A PRIMARY JET FIGHTER BASE FOR THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE. ITS INVENTORY HAS INCLUDED FRESCO, FARMER, FISHBED, BEAGLE AND MAYA AIRCRAFT. THE FIELD IS SERVED BY A DISPERSAL AREA TO THE NORTH WITH REVETTED HARDSTANDS AND CAVE STORAGE. SINCE

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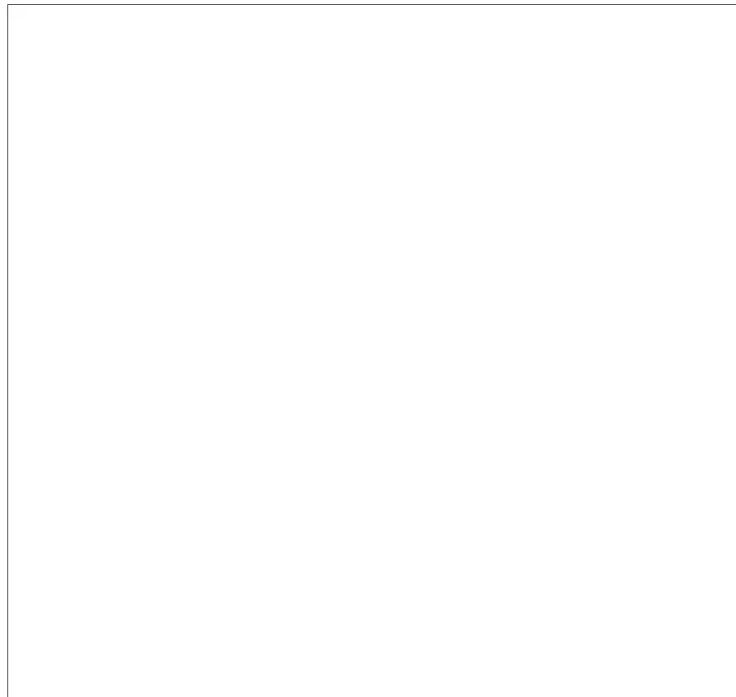
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AT LEAST 27 AIRCRAFT COMPONENT
CRATES HAVE BEEN SEEN AT PHUC YEN.
SOME OF THESE CRATES WERE LOCATED
NEAR THIS CAVE STORAGE AREA.

4. COLLATERAL:

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5. REMARKS:

DURING THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR
TO THE 15 JANUARY 1973 BOMBING HALT,
FEW AIRCRAFT WERE NOTED AT PHUC YEN.

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SINCE THE END OF BOMBING IN NORTH VIETNAM TWO GROUPS OF POSSIBLY NEW AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED IN THE NORTH-ERN DISPERSAL AREA. THE UNUSUAL LOCATION OF THESE AIRCRAFT IN PROXIMITY TO THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE CAVES MAY INDICATE THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE ASSEMBLED, SERVICED, STORED, AND PROTECTED NEW COMPONENTS OF THEIR AIR INVENTORY IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE/MAINTENANCE AREAS. AIRCRAFT STORAGE CAVES ARE ALSO LOCATED AT YEN BAI AIRFIELD [REDACTED], DONG SUONG AIRFIELD [REDACTED] AND QUAN LANG AIRFIELD [REDACTED]

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6. MISSION READOUT: SIX MIG-21 (FISHBED) AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED ON THE ACCESS ROAD TO ONE OF TWO PROBABLE AIRCRAFT STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE CAVES AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. FOUR ADDITIONAL MIG-21S (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) WERE PARKED

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IN THE ADJACENT AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREA NORTH OF THIS
AIRFIELD. A COMPLETE COUNT OF THE AIRCRAFT AT PHUC
YEN AIRFIELD COULD NOT BE OBTAINED FROM THIS COVERAGE
DUE TO SCATTERED CLOUDS.

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ENLARGEMENT : 30X

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